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1. At the beginning of 1951, Soviet officers and partisan experts started a reorganization of guerrilla units to be employed in [redacted] Macedonia, and Yugoslavia. One of the most important training centers for such units is a military camp in Berkovitsa. In this and other camps, [redacted] partisans and "volunteers" from various other countries get thorough training in partisan warfare, and are organized in assault units. The program also includes parachute training.

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2. [redacted] this training and reorganization had been completed, and since the beginning of September 1951, the above-mentioned units have been carrying out extensive maneuvers, in small groups as well as in larger formations. A large number of [redacted] propagandists also have been trained by the Soviets in Bulgaria. Many [redacted] have allegedly been smuggled across the border [redacted] in order to commit sabotage acts, gather intelligence information, spread confusing rumors, et cetera. Allegedly, there is a political center in Dimitrovgrad, where a special commission composed of Soviet officers and of civilian representatives from various Cominform countries are recruiting and selecting volunteers for partisan units.

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